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1. The First Far Eastern Army, which has been reinforced, is divided into two forces: The Northern Group with key bases at Khabarovsk (48°30'N, 135°36'E), Otdotak (59°23'N, 143°18'E), and Magadan (59°34'N, 152°48'E) and the Southern Group with its main base at Voroshilov (43°47'N, 131°55'E). The First Far Eastern Army maintains a defense line which includes the Port Arthur fortress area, the Vladivostok fortress zone, the Oljinski (43°45'N, 135°15'E) fortress region, Sakhalin Island, the Kurile Islands, and Kamchatka. Special fortress garrisons have been brought into these areas in order to insure the security of this line.

2. Organization of the First Far Eastern Army

Unit	Location	Commander
Headquarters First Far Eastern Army	Khabarovsk	Colonel General Maksimov
Southern Group		
18th Corps	Razdolnoye (43°33'N, 131°55'E)	Lieutenant General Kazakov
21st Taginskaya Division		
24th Nizhno-Uralskaya Division		
26th Stalinskaya-Uralskaya Division		
12th Mechanized Division		
7th Kubanskaya Cavalry Division		
8th Tank Division		
9th Tank Division		
19th Corps	Voroshilov	Lieutenant General Korotkov
27th Infantry Division		
42nd Zhabalsko-Kievskaya Division		
85th Verhno-Uralskaya Division		
87th Pervskaya Division		
24th Mechanized Division		
16th Tank Division		
11th Cavalry Division		

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Northern Group  
24th Corps

44th Yakutskaya Division  
45th Okhotskaya Division  
46th Kalinskaya (Kolymskaya?) Division  
45th Klevskaya Division  
56th Mariupolskaya Division  
2nd Amphibious Brigade  
3rd Amphibious Brigade  
4th Independent Tank Brigade

## Okhotsk

Komsomolsk  
Okhotsk  
Magadan  
Aleksandrovski (50°54'N, 142°10'E)  
Anadyr (64°44'N, 177°27'E)  
Ayan (56°27'N, 128°10'E)  
Magadan

3. a. The Port Arthur Fortress Group, under the Command of Lieutenant General Maltsev [ ] has approximately 75,000 troops, the cadre of which was taken from the 35th Luganski and 36th Minsk Divisions [ ] and an independent tank division.

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- b. The 38th Vladivostokskaya Division, the 39th Khabarovskaya Division, the 112th Infantry Brigade, the 21st Tank Division, and the 6th Cavalry Brigade will be transferred to Port Arthur under the command of Lieutenant General Shtikov [ ] (Comment: Perhaps to replace the troops now in that area).

4. The Vladivostok Fortress Garrison is commanded by Lieutenant General Trotsenko. There are about 100,000 troops reinforced by the 40th Amurskaya Division in the Vladivostok Fortress Garrison.

5. The Korean Occupation Group, under the command of General Merkulov is comprised of the 52nd and 53rd Divisions, a special troop of frontier guards (MVD), and the 5th Cavalry Regiment of the MVD.

6. The Second Far Eastern Army has the following operational duties: To act as a security force for the operations of the Northern Group of the First Far Eastern Army and to coordinate with the Mongolian People's Republic Army in creating a North China front.

7. Organization of the Second Far Eastern Army [ ]

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Unit	Location	Commander
Headquarters Second Far Eastern Army	Chita	Colonel General Dekhtyarev
20th Corps	Chita	Lieutenant General Leonov
33rd Infantry Division	Takhtak	
34th Infantry Division	Peshchanka	
47th Division	Krasnoyarsk and Tselinok	
48th Omskaya Division	Irkutsk and Irkutskiyevka (49°13'N, 129°40'E)	
21st Mechanized Division	Ulan Ude	
25th Mechanized Division	Irkutskiyevka	
11th Tank Division	Kyzkita	
29th Tank Division	Chita	
14th Donetsk Cavalry Division	Berezina (50°19'N, 130°14'E)	
15th Nizhno-Donetsk Cavalry Division	Kyzkita	
16th Koperskaya Cavalry Division	Ulan-Ude	
Special Troop Corps	Sretenski (52°15'N, 117°41'E)	Lieutenant General Bashkirev
106th Infantry Division	Kerymkaya (51°42'N, 114°00'E) and Olovyanaya (50°56'N, 115°35'E)	
22nd Mechanized Division	Dauria (49°55'N, 116°50'E)	
23rd Mechanized Division	Alsha (50°16'N, 113°17'E)	
2nd Tank Division	Blagoveshchensk	
3rd Tank Division	Heiho (50°15'N, 127°28'E)	
10th Tank Division	Sretensk	
30th Guard Tank Division	Dauria	
5th Kuban Cavalry Division	Dauria	

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8. The Mongolian National Army, commanded by Marshal Choibalsan with Lieutenant General Pogodayev, Chief-of-Staff, contains the following units [redacted] 25X1
- 1st Infantry Division
  - 2nd Infantry Division
  - 3rd Cavalry Division, reformed from cavalry brigades
  - 1st Tank Division
  - 1st Mechanized Division (Soviet)
  - 2nd Mechanized Division (Soviet)
9. The 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, and 62nd Units of the Frontier Guard Troops (HVD) were transferred to the direct command of the Soviet Army on 1 February 1948.
10. In March 1948, the Soviet Government ordered the demobilization of "senior age-groups" in the Soviet Army. However, this decree did not effect the officers and non-commissioned officers of the First Far Eastern Army or personnel of technical or special units of the First Far Eastern Army. New recruits have replaced those troops which were demobilized, while about 60 percent of the demobilized troops have been "voluntarily" attached to the sovkhoses and military establishments in the Primorskaya and Khabarovskaya region (oblast) and can be re-mobilized in a very short time.
11. The Bireky ( Bira/49°02'N, 132°28'E) Machine Construction Plant, the Komsomolsk Machine Construction Plant, the Khabarovsk Machine Construction Plant, Dalzavod and many other establishments are manufacturing military materials exclusively, and the First Far Eastern Army is now entirely independent of military supplies from western Russia.
12. The Pacific Fleet has also expanded and three or four Nerpa type submarines, which are manufactured at Dalzavod, join the Pacific Fleet monthly. The Coast Guard Fleet has been reinforced by an undetermined number of torpedo boats and Shchuka type submarines.
13. The air strength of the Eastern Front, including first and second line planes, is approximately 5,000 (?) planes. Air bases are being constructed in the northern regions of Eastern Siberia.
14. The Soviet population of Vladivostok, Voroshilov, Khabarovsk, and other large cities in southeastern Siberia regularly receive anti-air attack training and air-raid drills.
15. The Soviet Army has completed fortifications on Uruppu-to, Sterofu-jima, Kunashiri-shima, and Paramushiru-to in the Kurile Island group. The 56th Marinopolak Division, the 2nd Amphibian Brigade and part of the 4th Tank Division, under the over-all command of Major General Levashov, are stationed in the Kurile Islands.
16. The 1st Marine Brigade is stationed at Olga (43°43'N, 135°19'E). Units of the 2nd and 3rd Marine Brigades are in the region between Bochikarevo (50°57'N, 128°29'E) and Svobodny (51°23'N, 128°09'E). Some units of the 18th Corps moved to the east of the Novokiyevskiyval (51°40'N, 128°54'E)-Spasak (14°37'N, 132°49'E) rail line. The headquarters of the 18th Corps is at Voroshilov. The Headquarters of the 19th Corps has been transferred to Krasnayareshka (61°50'N, 152°60'E); units of the 19th Corps have been moved north of the Inan River [redacted] 25X1
17. Lieutenant General P. T. Iukhnin, who has been appointed commander of the air arm of the Eastern Front, inspected air units of the First Far Eastern Army in August 1948.
18. Colonel General Maksimov, Commander of the First Far Eastern Army, left for Sverdlovsk in July 1948 for a conference with Marshal Zhukov, Marshal Rokossovsky, Colonel General Dekhtyarev, and other military leaders.

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